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WINTER USE GUIDE



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Winter Travel

SKI
LEE

LEE
CANYON

FOXTAIL
GIRL SCOUT
CAMP

PLEASE!
SKI AREA TRAFFIC
ONLY

Private
Home

CLARK COUNTY
YOUTH CAMP

FOXTAIL

HWY 156

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Private
Home



THE
MEADOW



NO SNOWMOBILES



McWILLIAMS



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NO SNOWMOBILES



OLD MILL



DIAL FOR ASSISTANCE



SNOWMOBILING

Terrain at Mount Charleston is just too steep for much trail running.

A small area in McWilliams Campground or along Scout Canyon road may be used in Lee Canyon. Stay on the road surface and watch for hazards such as tables, posts, or grills.

Snowmobiles are prohibited in the Meadows, Foxtail, and Old Mill areas.

We recommend other areas such as Macks Canyon road, Camp Bonanza road, and Wheeler Wash road above Pahrump.

The Dixie National Forest in Utah has excellent terrain for snowmobiles.

872-5306 Mt. Charleston Fire Station
872-5300 Ambulance

385-0311 Nevada Highway Patrol
872-5300 Resident Metro Police Officer
Las Vegas Metro Police
Dispatcher - 1-800-492-6565
386-3213 Secret Witness (Crime/Vandalism)

872-5486 U.S. Forest Service (Kyle Canyon)
385-6254 U.S. Forest Service 24-Hour Information Recording

385-0181 Nevada Highway Department (24-Hour Road Conditions)

872-5462 Lee Canyon Ski Area
646-3805 Ski Area Snow Report Recording

Public phones are located at Kyle and Lee Canyon Ranger Stations. Phones are also at Lee Canyon Ski Area, Mt. Charleston Lodge, Mt. Charleston Fire Station, and Mom's in Kyle Canyon.

MT. CHARLESTON MANNERS

Please take all trash home. Leave behind only good memories. Your tax dollars are best spent on improvements.

Be considerate of others. Remember, they came for a good time too.



Toilet facilities are at Foxtail, McWilliams, lower ski area parking lot, and the ski lodge.

Please help keep toilets clean.



If you must bring a pet, keep it on a leash. Dogs are prohibited for safety reasons in Foxtail and at the ski area.

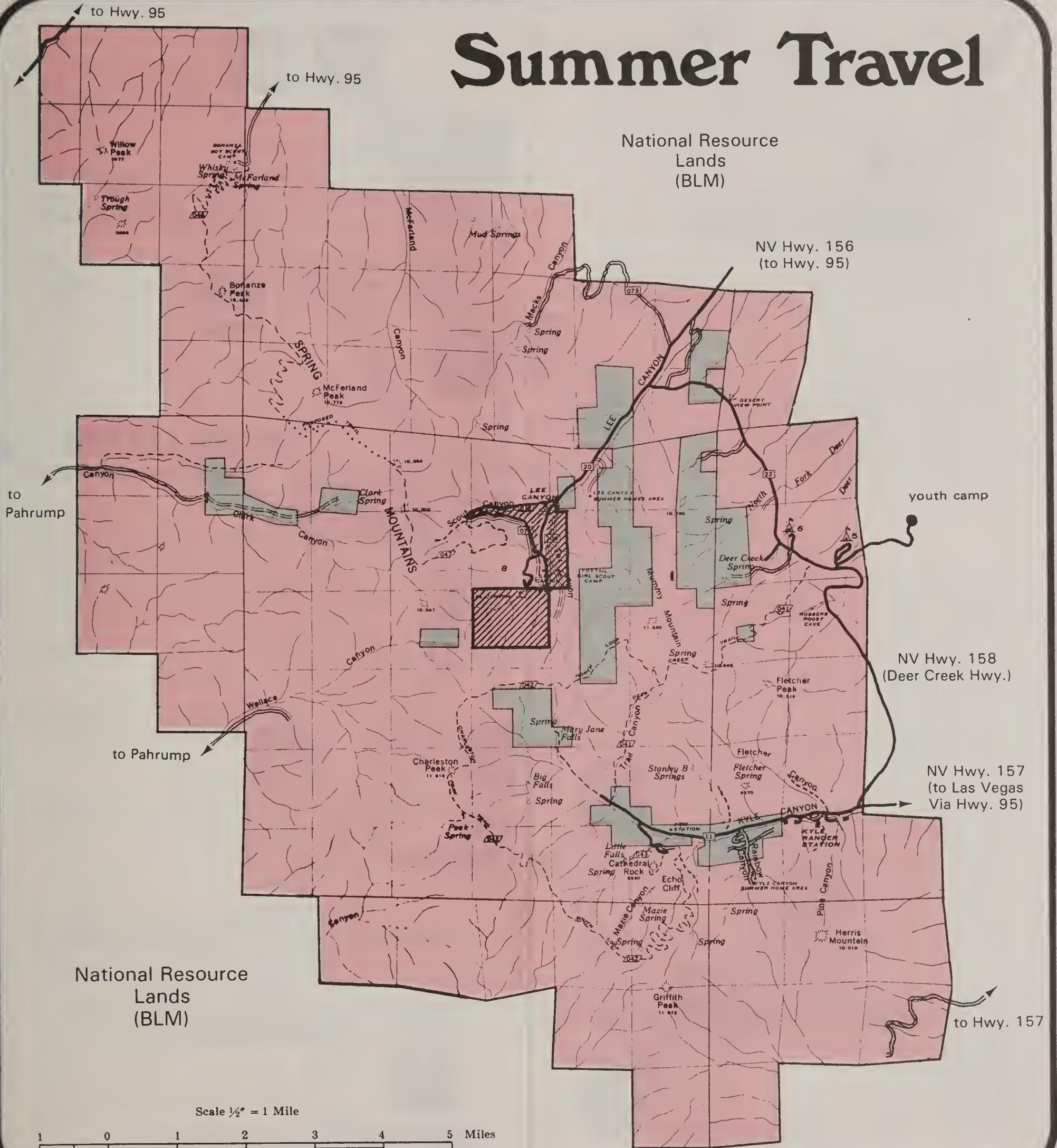


Build fires only in provided grills or pits. Other locations leave unsightly charcoal and ashes and may destroy road asphalt.

Bring your own wood or charcoal as dry-dead wood is hard to find.

Summer Travel

National Resource
Lands
(BLM)





DIAL FOR ASSISTANCE

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872-5300 Resident Metro Police Officer
492-6565 Las Vegas Metro Police Dispatcher
872-5306 Mt. Charleston Fire Station
-5300 (ambulance)
385-0311 Nevada Highway Patrol
872-5486 U.S. Forest Service (Kyle Canyon Station)
385-6403 Bureau of Land Management
385-0181 Nevada Highway Department (24-hour winter road conditions)

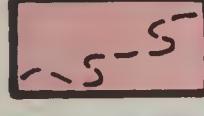
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LEGEND

 Wheeled vehicles on designated routes only. Area open to snowmobiles when snow depth exceeds 4 inches.

 Area closed to snowmobiles.

 Private Land

 Trail closed to all vehicles.

 Paved highway.

 Other established road.

WHY VEHICLE CONTROLS?

To protect the rights and safety of all visitors.
To protect wildlife, plants, and soil resources.

WHAT ARE THE CONTROLS AT MT. CHARLESTON?

Generally, all vehicles must stay on established roads. Vehicles are not allowed on trails.

Study this guide carefully for specific restrictions.

All laws of the State of Nevada apply to vehicles in the National Forest.

AN ISLAND IN THE DESERT

The Las Vegas Ranger District is a unique forest area in a desert climate. Many unusual plants and animals make their home here. Disturbance of animals, destruction of plant life, and soil erosion can result from vehicle use in certain areas.

This guide will help you enjoy your vehicle in a safe and lawful manner that will protect the valuable natural resources at Mt. Charleston.



TRAIL BIKE SIGN Marks the start of a DESIGNATED TRAIL BIKE ROUTE. Route CLOSED to motor vehicles with a total width of 40 or more inches.



OFF-ROAD VEHICLE SIGN Marks the start of a DESIGNATED OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ROUTE.



SNOWMOBILE SIGN Marks DESIGNATED SNOWMOBILE ROUTES.



CLOSED ROUTE SIGN Signs with a RED SLASH indicate that the route is CLOSED to that type of vehicle use.

MT. CHARLESTON MANNERS

Please take all trash home. There are no garbage cans in the forest, making more maintenance funds available to repair vandalism damage.

Vehicles may not be operated in camp or picnic grounds except to enter or leave the site. Supervise children carefully.

Noisy vehicles disturb other visitors and wildlife.

SUGGESTIONS FOR AN ENJOYABLE TRIP

Have your vehicle properly maintained.

Obtain area information in advance. Special restrictions for fire hazard or other reasons may be in effect.

Have a full tank. There is no gas, towing, or mechanical service on the mountain.

Mountain driving can be unpredictable. Use caution. Carry tire chains, shovel, drinking water, and basic tools at all times.

Check locally before leaving paved highways.

Park clear off roadways; do not block traffic.

Motorcycles must have proper spark arresters during the summer.

A sanitary dump station for holding tanks is at the Husky Truck Stop at Interstate 15 and Cheyenne Avenue, North Las Vegas.

PUBLIC NOTICE

REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE USE OF VEHICLES IN THE NATIONAL FOREST

Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations

The following acts are prohibited:

261.10 - Occupancy and use.

- (f) Placing a vehicle or other object in such a manner that it is an impediment or hazard to the safety or convenience of any person.
- (h) Operating or using in or near a campsite, developed recreation site, or over an adjacent body of water without a permit, any device which produces noise, such as a radio, television, musical instrument, motor or engine in such a manner and at such a time so as to unreasonably disturb any person.
- (i) Operating or using a public address system, whether fixed, portable, or vehicle mounted, in or near a campsite, developed recreation site, or over an adjacent body of water without a permit.

261.12 - Forest development roads and trails.

- (c) Failing to stop a vehicle when directed to do so by a Forest officer.
- (d) Damaging and leaving in a damaged condition any such road, trail, or segment thereof.
- (e) Blocking, restricting, or otherwise interfering with the use of a road, trail, or gate.
- (f) Using motorized vehicles in excess of 40 inches in width on a trail.

261.13 - Use of vehicles off roads.

It is prohibited to operate any vehicle off Forest development, State or county roads:

- (a) Without a valid license as required by State law.
- (b) Without an operable braking system.
- (c) From one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise unless equipped with working head and tail lights.
- (d) In violation of any applicable noise emission standard established by any Federal or State agency.
- (e) While under the influence of alcohol or other drug.
- (f) Creating excessive or unusual smoke.
- (g) Carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the safety of any person, or in a manner that endangers, or is likely to endanger, any person or property.
- (h) In a manner which damages or unreasonably disturbs the land, wildlife, or vegetative resources.
- (i) In violation of State law establishing for vehicles used off roads.

261.14 - Developed recreation sites.

The following are prohibited:

- (m) Operating or parking a motor vehicle or trailer except in places developed for this purpose.
- (o) Operating a motorbike, motorcycle, or other motor vehicle for any purpose other than entering or leaving the site.

In general, all vehicles must stay on established roads.

Most foot trails are closed to all vehicles.

Snowmobile use is prohibited in two areas in Lee Canyon, and in Carpenter Canyon, shown on the map. Elsewhere, except on State highways and county roads, snowmobiles may be operated when snow depth exceeds four inches.

Direct ingress and egress is permitted to temporary campsites within 300 feet of designated routes. Please select your ingress and egress route carefully to avoid damage to the land. Do not cut live vegetation.

The Forest Supervisor can authorize temporary exceptions to the above restrictions for military, fire, emergency, law enforcement or other vehicles when used for emergency purposes, and any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized by law or the Forest Service under a permit, lease, license, or contract.

Authority for this order is the Secretary of Agriculture Regulations 36 CFR 295.1, 295.2, 295.3, 295.4, 295.5, and 295.6.

Violators of this order are subject to a fine of not more than FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) or imprisonment for not more than SIX (6) MONTHS or both (16USC551).

This order applies only to National Forest land; use of private land is controlled by the owner.

Thank you for your cooperation in protecting the National Forest environment.

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TRAVEL AND VEHICLE GUIDE



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